IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of directing message streams during operation of a test tool, the method comprising:

assigning at least one of a plurality of data types to at least one of a plurality of data streams prior to operation of the test tool; and

assigning said at least one of a plurality of data streams to at least one of a plurality of devices prior to operation of the test tool;

running said test tool; and

delivering resulting messages including at least one of said data types in accordance with said assigning at least one of a plurality of data types to at least one of a plurality of data streams and in accordance with said assigning said at least one of a plurality of data streams to at least one of a plurality of devices.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said plurality of data types are selected from error data, warning data, failure data, report data, and time data.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said plurality of data streams are selected from an error stream, a warning stream, a failure stream, a report stream and a time stream.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said plurality of devices are selected from a message window, a status window, a report window, a message box, and a file.

5. (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said assigning at least one of a plurality data types is done though a software interface presented to a user.

6. (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said assigning at least one of a plurality data streams is done though a software interface presented to a user.

7. (Currently amended)   A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code for directing message streams during operation of a test tool, the program code comprising:

      instructions for assigning at least one of a plurality of data types to at least one of a plurality of data streams prior to operation of said test tool; and

      instructions for assigning said at least one of a plurality of data streams to at least one of a plurality of devices prior to said test tool; and

      instructions for delivering resulting messages including at least one of said data types in accordance with said assigning at least one of a plurality of data types to at least one of a plurality of data streams and in accordance with said assigning said at least one of a plurality of data streams to at least one of a plurality of devices.

8. (Original)   The computer program product of claim 7 wherein said plurality of data types are selected from error data, warning data, failure data, report data, and time data.

9. (Original)   The computer program product of claim 7 wherein said plurality of data streams are selected from an error stream, a warning stream, a failure stream, a report stream and a time stream.

10. (Original) The computer program product of claim 7 wherein said plurality of devices are selected from a message window, a status window, a report window, a message box, and a file.

11. (Original) The computer program product of claim 7 wherein said assigning at least one of a plurality data types is done though a software interface presented to a user.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 7 wherein said assigning at least one of a plurality data streams is done though a software interface presented to a user.

13. (New)) A method of directing message streams during operation of a test tool, the method comprising:

assigning, though a software interface presented to a user, at least one of a plurality of data types to at least one of a plurality of data streams prior to operation of the test tool, said plurality of data types selected from error data, warning data, failure data, report data, and time data;

assigning, though a software interface presented to a user, said at least one of a plurality of data streams to at least one of a plurality of devices prior to operation of the test tool, said plurality of data streams selected from an error stream, a warning stream, a failure stream, a report stream and a time stream, and said plurality of devices selected from a message window, a status window, a report window, a message box, and a file;

running said test tool; and

delivering resulting messages including at least one of said data types in accordance with said assigning at least one of a plurality of data types to at least one of a plurality of data streams and in accordance with said assigning said at least one of a plurality of data streams to at least one of a plurality of devices.

14. (New) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code for directing message streams during operation of a test tool, the program code comprising:

instructions for assigning, though a software interface presented to a user, at least one of a plurality of data types to at least one of a plurality of data streams prior to operation of the test tool, said plurality of data types selected from error data, warning data, failure data, report data, and time data;

instructions for assigning, though a software interface presented to a user, said at least one of a plurality of data streams to at least one of a plurality of devices prior to operation of the test tool, said plurality of data streams selected from an error stream, a warning stream, a failure stream, a report stream and a time stream, and said plurality of devices selected from a message window, a status window, a report window, a message box, and a file;

instructions for running said test tool; and

instructions for delivering resulting messages including at least one of said data types in accordance with said assigning at least one of a plurality of data types to at least one of a plurality of data streams and in accordance with said assigning said at least one of a plurality of data streams to at least one of a plurality of devices.